

# **OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes January 22, 2014**

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:15 pm on January 22, 2014 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

### **Present:**

Peter Leone, Richard Nolan, Patricia St.Pierre and Mike Cosetta; and Commissioners Warren Steere and Tom Demers; Chief Joe Bertholic and Clerk Anne Chretien.

**Absent:** Albert Lavigne, Alice Lavigne and Commissioner Ed Bertholic

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived and accepted.

**Motion** to accept the minutes was made by Pat St.Pierre and seconded by Richard Nolan. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

### **B. Commissioners Report**

- No report to be made.

### **C. Chief's Report**

- There were 66 runs. (See attached report). There were no fires.
  - January – December 2013 total runs were 658 averaging 4 personnel per call.
  - OM Fire Department has formed a committee and they are working on a recruit and retention plan for department members. The Chief asked that a member of the Operating Committee be appointed to be on the committee and Mike Cosetta accepted the position. This committee will be on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - In February the committee researching the acquisition of a new Rescue will meet. This committee will look into sharing information with the Pascoag Fire District who is also looking into purchasing a new Rescue. If efforts are combined between the districts, it may benefit both companies on the price of the vehicles.

- VFIS renewal was signed and faxed to the company.
- Service call was needed for remote access to the building and is now repaired.
- Concern was voiced by Chief Bertholic about granting access to the building by other fire departments, if they are providing coverage of OMFD. Getting quote for remote access by the Burrillville Dispatch to allow them to have the capability to unlock the station in this event. Approximately \$200.
- Discussion regarding firemen requirements to be in the LOSAP program was initiated by Peter Leone. He commented that these requirements must be met in order to be retained in the program. Requirements were to be tracked by the Chief.
- **Motion** to accept the Chief's Report by Pat St. Pierre and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **D. Tax Assessors Report**

- No report to give.

#### **E. Tax Collectors Report**

- Collections from 9/1/2013 to 08/28/2014 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$268,322.10 as of January 22, 2014. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$81,522.77. See attached report.
- Discussion was held regarding the auction of Mr. Doughboy Restaurant on Bronco Hwy in Glendale on Friday, January 17, 2014. The business owes the district 2013 taxes on the property of \$415.66 and on 3 years of tangibles of \$311.98 as of that date. Richard Nolan contacted Navigant CU to find out the results of the auction and was told the property was sold at the auction. No one has contacted the Clerk to find out the tax information on the property. The amount of tangibles may have to be abated.
- US Bank National Association has been in contact regarding payment of a tangible – acct#12-1796-95. Their claim is that the assessed value on the account was wrong and requests a rebate. Total for this account with the Town of Burrillville was \$27,633. We used 1/3 of this amount \$9,211.00 to bill the customer. The tax amount was \$14.74. It should have been an assessed value of \$4,855 making the tax bill \$7.77. They want a rebate of the difference \$6.97. Pat St. Pierre reminded the committee that the minimum bill is \$10.00; we should only rebate \$4.74.
- 22 letters were sent to delinquent Payment Plan participants to remind them of their obligation to pay each month.
- Approximately 270 delinquent bills will be sent out next week.
- **Motion** to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Pat St. Pierre and seconded by Mike Cosetta.

- Unanimously voted “I” by all present.

#### **F. Treasurers Report**

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- Treasurer, Patricia St. Pierre reported that the opening of a savings account at Navigant Credit Union has taken place. She stated that the account was opened on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> with Bob L’Esperance.
- Call was placed to the auditor, Jim Dugan, to find out the progress that they have made. They are still working on the report.
- Rescue Billing – we have received just about half of the amount budgeted for this account and we are only 4 months into the fiscal year.
- **Motion** was made by Peter Leone to compensate OMFD’s two (2) Fire Marshals for the man hours submitted so far on the Daniele construction project for plan review and inspections completed and transfer \$10,000.00 to the Per Diem checking account.
- Seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted “I” by all present.
- **Motion** to accept the Treasurers report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted “I” by all present.

#### **G. Old Business**

- By-Laws committee will meet in February.
- Chief Joe Bertholic reported that members of the Nasonville Fire Dept., one of which was on his per diem shift here, attempted to have a meeting with a State of RI union rep at the OMFD station on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The Chief explained that because the meeting was to take place shortly he would let it go, but in the future no meetings were to take place in OMFD station. The meeting did not take place.

#### **H. New Business**

- OM Firemen’s Banquet will be held on February 8, 2014 at the Townsman’s Club in Mapleville at 7pm. Members of the Operating Committee were invited and have a choice of Prime Rib or Chicken.

**Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Peter Leone.

Unanimously voted “I” by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk